

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND ITS CAPITAL

RALEIGH NEWS AND GOSSIP

An Official Statement From the State Auditor.

CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX

Statements in the Press Give Inaccurate Information—Soldiers Honorably Discharged—Lieutenant Shipp's Obedience—Contest Over State Officers—The Case of State Superintendent Day.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—Mr. Ayer, the State Auditor, has made the following statement to me with reference to the tax on corporate franchises in this State:

"The property of railroad corporations is assessed by the Railroad Commission at so much per mile. It is supposed that the value of the franchise is considered in connection with the assessment. An ad valorem tax is paid on the amount of assessment, and no other tax is levied.

"In addition to the ad valorem tax on the property owned by private corporations, a graduated franchise tax is imposed according to the amount of capital stock. The tax on a capital of \$25,000 or less is \$5, and it ascends by a graduating scale to \$500 on a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

"Banks are not subject to the franchise tax.

"Insurance companies are taken on the gross receipts. Upon them there is no specific franchise tax.

"The franchise tax is ascertained and collected by the sheriff or tax collector of each county in which corporations are located, and paid to the State Treasurer."

This statement of the provisions under the new revenue law made timely by the fact that the press has recently published articles giving inaccurate information as to the effect of the act.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

The Governor has received a communication from the War Department, stating that Privates William B. Bailey, Company M, First North Carolina, Nebo, N. C., and Charles F. Huffman, Company C, First North Carolina, have been honorably discharged from the volunteer service in the army.

LIEUT. SHIPP'S BURIAL.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Lincoln has been held to arrange for the reception and interment of the remains of Lieut. Wm. Shipp, which will arrive in this place on Friday morning. A committee of arrangement, consisting of Judge Hoke, C. B. Childs, D. W. Robinson, L. B. Wetmore, H. B. Ramsey, Hugh Jenkins, B. F. Griggs, W. W. Motz and S. D. Burgin, has been appointed to carry out the details of the burial, which will be attended by many prominent citizens of this State.

CONTEST OVER STATE OFFICES.

L. G. Hamrick still holds the office of Labor Commissioner against the protest of B. R. Lacy. Proceedings to try the title to the office will not be regularly instituted until April, when the Superior Court convenes here. But it is believed to be a certainty that if the case of the State's Prison vs. W. H. Day is decided in favor of the former by the Supreme Court, the contention of Hamrick will collapse and he will surrender the office peacefully.

The arguments on the part of Day, as well as Hamrick, are embodied in the following statement given me by one of Day's attorneys:

"It will hardly be questioned, since the decision of this court, that the power to appoint to office is the executive power. In Walker vs. Bledsoe, 68 North Carolina, Ap. p. 860, Person, C. J., says: 'Creating an office is an act of legislation; filling an office is an executive act.' This is a fundamental principle. And in page 464, of the same case, it is said: 'It was said on argument that the Constitution makes it the duty of the General Assembly to provide for the election and the conduct of the State's Prison, Art. II, Sec. 3; and this includes the appointment of directors.' In reference to this the Court says: 'See page 460. Non requite. Providing funds, making regulations, creating the necessary offices for the management of the institution, are acts of legislation, but filling these offices by competent men is an executive matter—that is an executive function.'"

Salisbury capitalists are endeavoring to have the North and South Carolina railway pass through Rowan, and offer to subscribe for large shares of stock as an inducement.

Sixth district cases were agreed before the Supreme Court yesterday, as follows: Smith vs. Balbrook; argued on motion of certiorari by Cooper, Jones and Kerr, for plaintiff; Davis and Stevens, for defendant. Waters vs. Waters; Connors vs. Best; Miller vs. Guano Company, and Jenkins vs. Daniel, continued by consent; Moore vs. railroad, argued by Allen and Dorch for plaintiff, Davis and Stevens for defendant; McMillan vs. Railroad, certiorari for defendant; State vs. Taylor, by Attorney General for the State; Slinguff vs. Hall, submitted on brief by Stevens and Beasley for plaintiff, Simmons, Pou and Ward for defendant (ten days allowed plaintiff to file brief).

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Mr. M. C. Fincher, the clever manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company's Norfolk office, has been in our little city for a few days this week on business.

The entertainment and feast given by the ladies of the M. E. Church last night was well attended, liberally patronized and much enjoyed. The cakes were won by Misses Bert and Lawrence.

H. C. Huggins, Esq., of the Norfolk and Southern railroad, is at the Bay View.

HERTFORD.
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Hertford, N. C., March 16.—Mr. John Bateman, constable of the court, was badly wounded while trying to serve a warrant on a colored man named Bennett. Bateman drew his revolver and Bennett snatched the revolver from him and beat him over the head, making his escape.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

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